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1. AMBASSADOR HINTON PLANS TO DISCUSS BOTH TEXT AND PRESENTATION OF ROCKWELL REPORT DURING UPCOMING CONSULTATION IN DEPARTMENT. IN MEANTIME, WE PROPOSE FOR DEPARTMENT'S CONSIDERATION FOLLOWING CHANGES IN TEXT OF DRAFT AIDE MEMOIRE.

2. IN PARA 1, DELETE SENTENCE BEGINNING "TO DO SO WOULD HAVE...". REASON: IT HAS ALREADY BEEN EXPLAINED EARLIER IN TEXT THAT TERMS OF REFERENCE DID NOT CALL FOR THIS.

3. END PARA 1 WITH PHRASE "BASED ON ESTIMATES". REASON: SEE BELOW.

4. BEGIN PARA 2 WITH LAST SENTENCE OF PARA 1 IN PROPOSED TEXT, AND DELETE FIRST TWO SENTENCES OF PARA 2 IN PROPOSED TEXT. REASON: THESE TWO SENTENCES ARE UNNECESSARY AND COULD BE CONSTRUED AS PROVOCATIVE.

5. SECOND SENTENCE OF REVISED PARA 2 WOULD THUS BEGIN, "CONSEQUENTLY, THE FORCE DESCRIBED..." ETC. REASON: IN THIS

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WAY THE AIDE MEMOIRE WOULD DIRECTLY RELATE THE EXPENSIVENESS

OF THE TEAM PROPOSALS TO FAZ CONCERN TO PROTECT ALL STATED TARGETS.

6. FROM LAST SENTENCE OF PROPOSED PARA 2 DELETE PHRASE "GIVEN THE CHARACTER OF THE THREAT IT IS DESIGNED TO MEET". REASON: THIS PHRASE ADDS NOTHING.

7. ADD AFTER "THE PRESENT 3.5 MILLION DOLLARS" FOLLOWING INSERT: "AND WOULD HOPE TO MAINTAIN THE HIGHER FMS CREDIT LEVEL THROUGH FY-81". REASON: MAKES MATTERS LOOK BETTER.

8. WE SUGGEST THAT IN LAST SENTENCE OF PROPOSED PARA 3 THE PHRASE "MUTUALLY AGREED" BE MOVED TO LATTER PART OF SENTENCE WHICH WOULD THEN READ "OTHER MUTUALLY AGREED EQUIPMENT...". REASON: PRESUMABLY THE "ELEMENTS" PROPOSED IN ROCKWELL REPORT CAN BE CONSIDERED AS ALREADY "AGREED" BY USG.

9. WE SUGGEST THAT PHRASE "SUCH AS C-130S" BE DELETED FROM THE LAST SENTENCE. REASON: C-130S ARE SOMEWHAT SORE SUBJECT IN VIEW OF PROCUREMENT DIFFICULTIES IN RECENT PAST. DROPPING THE PHRASE WOULD NOT EXCLUDE EVENTUAL PURCHASE OF C-130S.

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